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SUBJ: CREW LIST VISA PROBLEMS

REF: (A) STATE 128031, (B) STATE 133721

1. RE PARAS 1, 3, 9 REFTEL A, POST NOTES CONVERSATION WITH
CAPT. R.C. LEWIS OF S/S JOHN TYLER AND ANTHONY F. BLOCH,
ASST. VICE PRESIDENT OF WATERMAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY
WHICH OWNS VESSEL (PROTECT BOTH) WHICH INDICATES PRESENT
CREW LIST VISA PROBLEM MIGHT BE PART OF SOVIET EFFORT TO
EFFECT CHANGE IN PRESENT SYSTEM FOR HANDLING CREW LISTS.

2. BOTH SOURCES FELT PRESENT CREW LIST DIFFICULTIES
CONSTITUTE SOVIET PRESSURE BUT WERE NOT CERTAIN TO WHAT
END. BLOCH MAINTAINS THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS NEVER COME
UP BEFORE AND THAT INFLOT AUTHORITIES INSIST THAT IS
BECAUSE REGULATIONS WHICH ALWAYS EXISTED ARE NOW BEING
MORE STRINGENTLY ENFORCED. HE REPORTED BEING TOLD AT
INFLOT THAT ONLY AMERICAN SHIPS REQUIRE SOVIET CREW
LIST VISAS BECAUSE QUOTE THIS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE
FOR SOVIET SHIPS GOING TO U.S. END QUOTE. CAPT. RYBOV,
CHIEF OF INFLOT, ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD BLOCH THAT THE
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PRESENT CASE-BY-CASE SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF
AMERICAN SHIPS ARRIVING BEFORE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE
CREW LIST VISA IN HAND--I.E., HELPING CREWS OBTAIN
SHORE LEAVE ON STRENGTH OF TELEX MESSAGE THAT VISA
WAS INDEED SENT--CANNOT BE DONE FOR EVERY SHIP.

3. COMMENT: BY CONTRAST, HANDLING OF JOHN TYLER

CASE BY DIPLOMATIC AGENCY TO WHOM CONGEN OFF APPEALED
OVER UNUSUAL INTRANSIGENCE OF INFLOT CONTACT, PROVED
PROMPT AND COURTEOUS. POST WILL PROVIDE FURTHER
INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RUECKERT

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